

**Subpart D—Public Participation in the Development of Negotiating Positions for Meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Federal Agency Consultation**

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**§ 23.31 Purpose of regulations.**

The regulation contained in this subpart sets out procedures for participation of the public and consultation with appropriate Federal agencies in the Service's process of developing negotiating positions to be used by the representative of the United States to meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention provided for by Article XI of the Convention.

**§ 23.32 Notice of meeting of Conference of the Parties to the Convention.**

(a) Upon receipt of a notice of a meeting to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the director shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice setting forth the time and place of the meeting, and the proposed agenda, and inviting the public to comment and provide information on agenda items including, when appropriate, suggestions for additional agenda items.

(b) Upon receipt from the CITES Secretariat of a notice of additional agenda items, the Director shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice inviting the public to comment and provide information on such items.

**§ 23.33 Notice of proposed negotiating positions.**

Subsequent to the comment period of the notice of meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Director shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed negotiating positions setting forth a summary of the information and comments received in response to any of the notices mentioned in § 23.33, the negotiat-

ing positions which the Service proposes to use at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the basis thereof, and inviting information and comments on the proposed negotiating positions. The notice will also set forth the time and place of at least one public meeting to provide information and comments on the proposed negotiating positions of the Service.

**§ 23.34 Public meetings.**

The Service shall hold at least one public meeting to enable interested persons to provide information and comments on the proposed agenda and at least one such public meeting on the proposed negotiating positions of the Service. Written statements may be submitted to the Service before and at the meeting. Appointments to speak at the meetings may be made with the Federal Wildlife Permit Office, Washington, DC 20240 (703/235-2418). Participants without prior appointments will be given an opportunity to speak to the extent time allows following speakers with appointments.

**§ 23.35 Notice of negotiating positions.**

Subsequent to the comment period of the notice of proposed negotiating positions, and after all associated public meetings have been held, the Director shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice setting forth (a) a summary of the information and comments received in response to the notice of proposed negotiating positions, (b) a summary of negotiating positions of the Service to be used by the representative of the United States to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and (c) the basis of such negotiating positions.

**§ 23.36 Schedule of public meetings and notices.**

The Director shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a schedule, subject to change and modification, of all public meetings and notices related to preparation of negotiating positions for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.